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City of Saskatoon Naming Advisory Committee
Community Services Department, Planning & Development Branch
222 - 3rd Avenue North
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Consideration for street, park or civic property in the City of Saskatoon

Please consider the surname, Kuzma, suitable for naming of a street, park or civic property in the City of Saskatoon.

The Kuzma family emigrated from Ukraine in 1909 and, in turn, would go on to call Saskatoon their home in 1924. We feel that members of the Kuzma family meet the criteria of the Naming Advisory Committee. Many of the Kuzma's were dedicated to serving their country, being involved in volunteer work in the city of Saskatoon, along with being active members of Saskatoon athletic clubs which helped them grow their success at higher levels.

I have attached a brief history of the contributions that our family members have made to their country and the city of Saskatoon.

Please consider the Kuzma name as recognition for the contributions they have made.

Sincerely,



Tammie Kuzma

Attachment

In 1909, Anthony Kuzma, along with his parents, came from the Ukraine to reside in Gronlid, SK. Three years later in 1912, Anna Vera, followed from the Ukraine to Saskatchewan and married Anthony. While living on their farm they went on to have seven children: Bill, Pete, Ann, Mary, Paul, Molly and Pearl. In 1924, the Kuzma family would call Saskatoon home as they were required to relocate due to a fire on their family farm.

After relocating to Saskatoon, Anthony began work with the City of Saskatoon and he and Anna would continue to grow their family. In addition to their seven children, Pauline, twins Jack and Frances, Alexander, Frank, Walter (born with twin who passed at birth), Steve and Jean were born. Times were tough but the Kuzma family relied on a big garden and, as usual with large families, the older children helped to raise the younger ones which, in turn, resulted in a very close knit family. Although Anna suffered from a childhood accident which caused her to lose the fingers on her right hand, she spent her time at home ensuring that her family was looked after and was busy cooking and sewing for all of her children. In 1941, Anthony died at the age of 51.

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Pete Kuzma was in the Second World War. He fought on the front line where he unfortunately was injured and lost some of his fingers, forcing him to be sent home. Additionally, Paul and Molly were in the Navy, while Frank was in the Sea Cadets for several years.

The Kuzma family was very athletic. They spent their time either playing on sport's teams or volunteering with teams in the city. Jean Kuzma Harmsworth and her three children, Bob, Brian and Michelle have been, and continue to volunteer for the Saskatoon Blades. Additionally, Walter Kuzma played ball with the Brunels and K&K Olson. Paul Kuzma played with the Merchants. In 1969, during his time as the team trainer, the Merchant's won the Canadian Mens Softball title. Paul went on to be inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame.

Alex, Frank and Steve all started their hockey careers playing for various Saskatoon club teams and went on to play hockey at a professional level.

Alexander Kuzma

1948/49	Saskatoon Jr. Quakers	WCSHL
1949/50	Saskatoon Quakers	WCSHL
1951/52	Saskatoon Quakers	WCSHL
1952/53	Saskatoon-Vancouver	WHL
1953/54	Victoria Cougars	WHL
1954/55	Victoria Cougars	WHL
1955/56	Seattle Americans	WHL
1956/57	Seattle Americans	WHL
1957/58	Seattle Americans	WHL
1958/59	Seattle/Spokane	WHL
1959/60	Spokane Comets	WHL
1959/60	Washington Presidents	EHL
1960/61	Jersey Larks	EHL
1961/62	Knoxville Knights	EHL
1962/63	Nashville Dixie Flyers	EHL
1963/64	Saskatoon Quakers	SSHL
1965/66	Saskatoon Quakers	WCSHL

Frank Kuzma

1952/53	Humboldt Indians	SJHL
1953/54	Saskatoon Wesley	SJHL
1953/54	Vancouver Canucks	WHL
1955/56	St. John Beavers	ACSr

1956/57	Indianapolis Chiefs	IHL
1957/58	Indianapolis Chiefs	IHL
1958/59	Washington Presidents	EHL
1959/60	Indianapolis Chiefs	IHL
1960/61	Charlotte Checkers	EHL
1960/61	Indianapolis Chiefs	IHL
1961/62	Saskatoon Quakers	SSHL
1962/63	Saskatoon Quakers	SSHL

Steve Kuzma

1954/55	Moose Jaw Canucks	WCJHL
1954/55	Prince Albert Mintos	SJHL
1955/56	Prince Albert Mintos	SJHL
1956/57	Clinton-Washington	EHL
1957/58	Washington Presidents	EHL
1958/59	Washington Presidents	EHL
1959/60	Washington Presidents	EHL
1960/61	Jersey-Charlotte	EHL
1961/62	Charlotte Checkers	EHL
1961/62	New Haven Blades	EHL
1962/63	New Haven Blades	EHL

Paul, Pearl, Alex, Walter, Frank, Steve and Jean remained living in Saskatoon where they would go on to raise their own families. Presently, there are still remaining descendants of the Kuzma family who continue to grow their own families and careers, attend the University and contribute to the city of Saskatoon in varying ways today. Therefore, the Kuzma's were and continue to be outstanding contributors to the city of Saskatoon.